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APPARATUS OF HUMAN, ANIMAL,) Date: April 16, 2007  
MACHINE OR THE LIKE USING )  
ULTRASONIC VIBRATION )  
DETECTING SENSOR, AND )  
STATUS DISCRIMINATION )  
METHOD OF HUMAN, ANIMAL, )  
MACHINE OR THE LIKE USING )  
THE SAME )

**AMENDMENT (B)**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 16, 2006, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.